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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT SEOUL 7004 ACTION SECSTATE AUGUST 20.

QUOTE S E C R E T SEOUL 7004

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS, KS, KN, US, CH)

SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG FOREIGN MINISTER ON SECRETARY'S
TRIP TO PEKING

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON
OTHER MATTERS THIS MORNING (AUGUST 20), THE QUESTION OF
BRIEFING THE ROKS AFTER THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO PEKING
AROSE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT IN HIS OWN PERSONAL
VIEW, IF HE WERE SECRETARY VANCE, HE WOULD MAKE A SIDE TRIP
FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL FOR JUST A FEW HOURS. SUCH A
TRIP WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL VERY LATE IN THE PEKING
VISITOR PERHAPS EVEN AFTER THE PARTY DEPARTED THE PRC.
HE FORESAW TWO GREAT ADVANTAGES STEMMING FROM SUCH A VISIT:

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(A) IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN
KOREA AND (B) IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE UNITED STATES IN
THE EYES OF SMALL COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION AND THE WORLD,
WHO WOULD RECOGNIZE IT AS A GESTURE TOWARDS SMALL
COUNTRIES. AS IT STANDS NOW, THE TRIP IS SEEN AS A
CONSULTATION ONLY AMONG THE LARGE POWERS, LEAVING THE
IMPRESSION THAT THE SMALL COUNTRIES ARE NEGLECTED.

2. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I HOPED HIS EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCH A VISIT WERE NOT TOO HIGH, SINCE I HAD NO INDICATION THAT THIS WAS BEING CONSIDERED.

3. HE REPEATED AT THE END OF THIS PART OF THE CONVERSATION THAT THIS WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW, WHICH HE HAD NEVER DISCUSSED WITH ANYBODY.
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